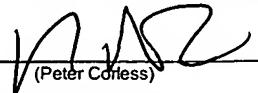


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including September 25, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$510.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our

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